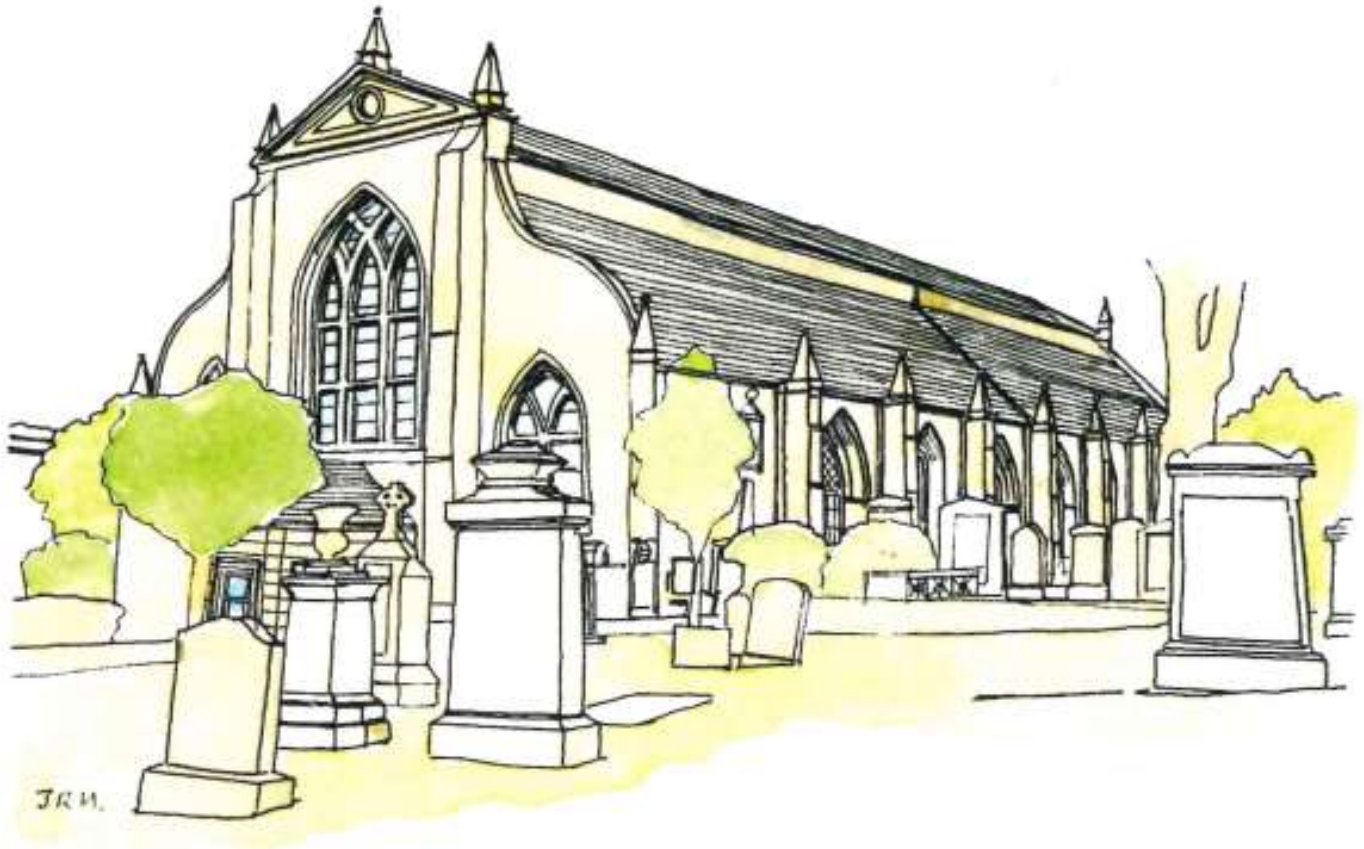


ORDER OF SERVICE - 15 OCTOBER 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Gillian Couper
Sue MacGregor



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 15 October 2023 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. All our services are available on our YouTube channel for viewing at any time at bit.ly/greyfriarstv.

Organ: Andante maestoso in G

S S Wesley

Welcome and Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

Hymn 562:

Ar Hyd Y Nos

1. *Through the love of God, our Saviour, all will be well.
Free and changeless is his favour; all, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us; all must be well.*
2. *Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, all, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful, if in Christ abiding,
holy, through the Spirit's guiding; all must be well.*
3. *We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, 'All, all is well.'
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,
in our living, in our dying, all must be well.*

Mary Peters

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth and serve you with thankfulness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

*Lifted high on your cross, drawing all folk, drawing all folk;
lifted high on your cross, drawing all folk to you.*

1. *Down you come to live among us, part of your creation,
knowing poverty and sorrow, sharing each temptation.*
2. *On the gallows there they nail you, God despised, rejected;
deep within your earth they hide you till you're resurrected.*
3. *Light and love pour down upon us, healing, recreating;
you relive your life within us, all life consecrating.*

Ian Cowie

The Word of God

Exodus 32: 1 - 14

Reader: Leslie Munro

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Philippians 4: 1 - 9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Anthem:

O Lord my God, hear thou the prayer thy servant prayeth. Have thou respect unto his prayer. Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest, Lord, forgive.

1 Kings 8: 28, 30

S S Wesley

Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 70 (Psalm 106):

Dunfermline

1. Give praise and thanks unto the Lord, for bountiful is he;
his tender mercy doth endure unto eternity.
2. God's mighty works who can express? Or show forth all his praise?
Blessèd are they that judgment keep, and justly do always.
3. Remember me, Lord, with that love which thou to thine dost bear;
with thy salvation, O my God, to visit me draw near:
4. that I thy chosen's good may see, and in their joy rejoice;
and may with thine inheritance triumph with cheerful voice.
5. Blest be Jehovah, Israel's God, to all eternity:
let all the people say, Amen. Praise to the Lord give ye.

Scottish Psalter

Sermon

Rev Richard Frazer

The Nicene Creed:

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death
and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sin.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.*

Amen

The Offering

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Pastoral Prayer: Anne Bradbury

The Lord's Prayer: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.*

Amen

Hymn 519:

Hyfrydol

1. *Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*
2. *Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*
3. *Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Charles Wesley

Benediction

*May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.*

Organ: Choral Song

S S Wesley

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Thursday 19 October	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 22 October	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 29 October	10.30 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 5 November	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us after the service for biscuits and tea or coffee, served at the back of the church beneath the organ. If you are new to the Kirk, visiting after some time away, or do not know anyone yet, please feel welcome to introduce yourself to the welcomers on the door and ministry team before or after the service; and if you would like to join in the friendly conversations at the tables over coffee or tea, we look forward to getting know you.

Giving with Gift Aid

When giving to the Kirk with a cash offering during the service, do please use the Gift Aid envelope that you will find in the backs of the chairs. If you are a UK taxpayer we can reclaim a further 25p in the £ by way of tax refund, without cost to yourself. If you have already completed an envelope in full on a previous occasion, or completed a Gift Aid declaration, you need only fill in your name and the amount. Thank you so much for your support, which we depend on to maintain the life of the Kirk.

Phamie Gow live at Greyfriars Kirk

Join us on Friday 27 October at 7.30 pm for a unique evening of enchanting live music from Phamie Gow, with a two-course supper, to help raise vital funds for the Grassmarket Community Project. To celebrate the launch of Phamie's latest album, the Grassmarket Community Project is proud to present this rare opportunity to enjoy the brilliant music of this celebrated composer and performer. We invite you to join us for an exquisite live performance and a delicious two-course supper, in the glorious surroundings of Greyfriars Kirk: an intimate cabaret style setting, and tickets are limited, so make sure to book early!

Go to <https://grassmarket.org/phamie-gow/>

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The programme of lunchtime concerts continues at 12 noon this Thursday, 19 October, with an organ recital by Tom Wilkinson, the University Organist at St Andrews. Admission is free.

Concerts and Events elsewhere

Augustine United Church – <https://www.augustine.org.uk/about-us/diary/>

St Columba's by the Castle – <https://www.stcolumbasbythecastle.org.uk/>

St Cuthbert's – <https://stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk/>

Grassmarket Community Project – <https://grassmarket.org/whats-on/>

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – <https://www.charteriscentre.com/>, especially
the Coffee Mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon
this Thursday, 19 October, and fortnightly thereafter.

St Cuthberts & Greyfriars – Joint Events in 2023

If you would like to come along to either the Community Ceilidh or the Oasis Quiz, please email Gillian to let her know: parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com or let one of the ministry team know after a Sunday service. It will be great to hear from you!

26 October, 7.00 pm – Community Ceilidh at Greyfriars Charteris Centre, at 138-140 The Pleasance, open to everyone, including congregations and the local community. It's a relaxed occasion, dancing encouraged but not obligatory! A Greyfriars & St Cuthberts table will allow folk to get to know each other over a glass of wine or cuppa at the start. The event is free, but please book for it on Eventbrite at <https://tinyurl.com/ycy8aa2y>.

8 Nov, 7 pm – Oasis Quiz at St Cuthberts. St Cuthbert's annual quiz is run for the local business community, as well as congregations and anyone who wants to join in. As well as a social occasion, it raises funds each year for Fresh Start. Greyfriars are invited to form some quiz teams (max 5 per team) and join in too!

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Sun 17 Dec, 6 - 7pm - 9 Lessons and Carols at St Cuthberts. This traditional 9 Lessons and Carols Christmas service with carols and readings telling the Christmas story takes place each year. This year will involve readers and singers from both congregations. There will be mince pies and refreshments afterwards!

Kirk Sessions: There will also be a first coming together of the Kirk Sessions of the two churches on Saturday 4 November 2023. This will provide an opportunity for the Sessions to start thinking about the present and future vision development and practical tasks that need to be undertaken together, in anticipation of the union.

New Web Page: There is a new page on the Greyfriars Kirk website, which will be used alongside the order of service notes to share news and information relating to the working group, joint events, and working toward union. You can see that page here: <https://greyfriarskirk.com/community/partnerships/>. Please do let Gillian (email as above) or Jo (sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com) know if you have any queries, or would like to chat.

News from the Ministerial Team

The advertisement for an Associate Minister is now live on our website here:

<https://greyfriarskirk.com/2023/09/greyfriars-seeking-to-recruit-an-associate-minister/>

Guerilla Peace

The University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy and their Associate Chaplain Dr Urzula Glienecke have set up a web site <https://guerillapeaceukraine.org> to answer the call to "Light up our hearts for Ukraine"; they invite you to visit it to share the solidarity, vigilance, and hope, wherever you are in the world at any time and from anywhere.

Volunteering opportunity

Concert Stewarding: From October and December we are hosting no fewer than 12 concerts in the Kirk, ranging from household names like the Sixteen, the Scottish Ensemble and the SCO Chorus through to the equally professional Edinburgh Royal Choral Union, the music societies of Edinburgh University and Heriot Watt University, and many others, appealing to all tastes in music. Each concert needs three volunteer Stewards. Besides offering a Greyfriars friendly face, their essential task is to sit by the exits in case of emergency. There is nothing arduous, as all the scene-shifting afterwards is now done by our loyal paid staff. It's a great opportunity to hear some wonderful performances at no cost, while supporting Greyfriars Outreach. Contact Steve Lister on 0131 225 1900 or outreach@greyfriarskirk.com.

Pastoral Care and Staying in Touch

The ministry team and pastoral volunteers at the church enjoy staying in touch with folk in the congregation and community. It is great to hear how folk are getting on, share news about what is going on in the life of the community, enjoy friendship and support each other when it is needed. If you would like to chat, or you know someone that might need some help or would simply enjoy hearing from us, please do get in touch. The ministry team and elders welcoming people at the door are always happy to talk before or after Sunday Services, and will put you in touch with the pastoral team, or you can contact Gillian by email: parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com or by phone: 07808 472 464.

If you would like to speak to a minister, Richard will be very pleased to hear from you too, by phone on 07715 069 041 or by email at minister@greyfriarskirk.com